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Union Township will investigate development of water reserves

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In a 2-0 vote, the Union Township Supervisors signaled their intention to investigate the possibility of developing two public water impounding areas.

Supervisors Lewis H. Hillard and Joseph T. Minor agreed to protect their rights to develop the township's Act 537 Plan adopted in 1972. Their colleague Louis E. Hilker was absent again due to illness.

That action involves two areas identified by the Adams County Soil and Conservation Service as sites 25 and 26, which are the near the Keystone Sanitation Co. Inc. landfill now under consideration for a 211-acre expansion. As outlined in the township's plan to provide public drinking supplies, sites 25 and 26 are the township impounding areas for public water reserves.

"It means that we are putting everybody on notice that we are going to investigate the possibility of following through on what the former supervisors had approved back in 1972," Mr. Hillard said after the meeting.

"We're putting (the state Department of Environmental Resources)

notice that we are going ahead with the engineering, whatever it takes, to get these (water impounding areas) sited," Minor added.

The resolution indicates that the supervisors will hire engineers, hydrogeologists and soil scientists to determine the suitability of the two sites for impounding as public water supplies. The board indicated that it is willing to exercise its eminent domain powers to protect the sites from "environmental degradation and development."

The action comes after township citizens presented a petition in March calling for the protection of sensitive headwaters and streams in the township.

During the meeting, the question of tape recording the discussions arose. It was noted by township resident Mary Minor that Lisa Noel, also a township resident, was taping the meeting with a recording unit concealed under a jacket.

In response, Ms. Noel indicated that the meeting was a public session and she is allowed to record it. Hillard said that she can legally tape the sessions, but the supervisors would appreciate the courtesy of being informed about it.

Hillard said he does not really care about the matter, but will ask if anyone is tape recording future sessions to alleviate the concerns of

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